

REMARKS

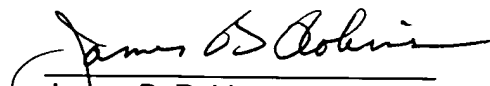
The Examiner has issued a restriction requiring the Applicants to select between group 1 (claims 1 – 34) drawn to methods and group 2 (claims 35 – 59) drawn to a device. The Examiner has further required selection between five species.

Applicants elect the claims of group 1.

Applicants note, however, that the inventors desire to provide a single test that will distinguish between at least two ailments that may be any combination of allergy, bacterial infection, viral infection or fungal infection (page 3, line 26). Claim 1 recites that the invention includes "providing a test device comprising a plurality of integrated, discrete test sites...". What is desired is a single, easy-to-use device and method that may be used to differentiate between these illnesses (page 2, lines 27 – 33). It is apparent that restricting the invention to only one species virtually defeats the purpose of the invention. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider his requirement that the invention be limited to one species. Should the Examiner maintain his requirement, Applicants elect species (a), bacteria, with traverse.

Should the Examiner have any issues he would like to discuss in order to facilitate the progression of this application, he is encouraged to call the undersigned at (770)-587-7273.

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